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Peiping At Mercy Of The Communists

CITY EXPECTED TO SURRENDER BLOODLESSLY

Peiping, Dec. 14.—Events are moving fast in North China. Unless all the signs are false, Peiping is approaching its last days under the Nationalist regime.

During its more than 3,000 years of history it has changed hands many times. And the shadow of the new conqueror is now ominously close. Here briefly is Peiping's position: firstly, the Reds form a semicircle around it from the Southwest to the East at distances from seven to 15 miles; secondly, General Fu Tso-yi's escape route—the Peiping-Kalgan railroad—is completely sealed with the Reds in possession of most of the line; thirdly, Peiping's two airfields, the West and South Fields, both are in danger of being overrun by the Communists; and, fourthly, the Reds could at almost any moment now cut the Peiping-Tientsin railroad and thus completely isolate Peiping by land.

General Fu's military strategy has been so puzzling that the populace as a whole, not to mention those who claim to know what is going on behind the scenes, have only one explanation—political motives underlie it.

This would account for the general calm of the populace, although the sound of occasional gunfire can now be heard throughout Peiping.

SAUVE PREDICTIONS

And, it accounts too, for the vague predictions that Peiping will change hands without bloodshed.

When this change will occur is a mystery.

If only military factors are involved, it could be a matter of days. But if political factors are involved, the changeover could well be delayed until January or February.

Meanwhile, though the Nationalists in Peiping are going through all the motions of readiness to fight, Machinations have been mounted on and outside the city walls, conscripts are being drilled with every semblance of fervour and at all the city gates hundreds of civilians have been mobilised to fill sandbags.

MANY RUMOURS

Rumours fly thick and fast. The latest is that Tungshien, 12 miles to the east, has been abandoned but

there is no evidence to substantiate this.

Another is that there is fighting near the Summer Palace on the Western outskirts of Peiping, famed for the marble boat which the Dowager Empress Tsu Hsi built with funds for the creation of a Chinese Navy.

But this, too, cannot be confirmed. Meanwhile, Peiping waits and wonders, not with dismay or panic, but more like a bride awaiting ravishment.—Associated Press.

CUNFIRE HEARD

Tientsin, Dec. 14.—Gunfire was heard in some parts of Peiping last night as Nationalist troops and refugees poured into the ancient capital through the West Gate.

The hostilities north and west of Peiping shifted ever closer and a curfew has been imposed beginning at 8 p.m. local time.

The fighting is presumed not to be far from the west airfield, perhaps within a very few miles, resulting in the almost total abandonment of the west airfield after commercial planes had proceeded to Tientsin and military aircraft took off for other safer fields.

While the west aerodrome might become unusable Peiping still has the south field which is not yet menaced.

Considerable excitement reigns in Peiping generally with troops pouring in and uncertainty about General Fu Tso-yi's intentions or whereabouts owing to the tight-lipped policy.

Meanwhile, a dozen Americans, 134 Stateless and 37 others left Peiping by train yesterday for Tientsin where they will board an LST for Shanghai on Wednesday.—Reuter.

YANGTSE DANGER

Nanking, Dec. 14.—Chinese Government military quarters said on Monday that new Communist successes might soon force the Nationalists to fall back to the Yangtze River opposite Nanking.

These well informed quarters based their forecast on Communist infiltration to within 50 miles of Nanking and steady destruction of government forces in a Communist trap 145 miles to the northwest.

They acknowledged that the 12th Army Group, encircled for 17 days, had lost more than half its original combat forces of 110,000 men and might soon be wiped out entirely.

The 12th now is compressed into a four square mile area and is critically short of food and ammunition.

Plots dropping supplies are having little success hitting the compressed target and are facing steadily heavier Communist anti-aircraft fire.—Associated Press.

CRITICAL PLIGHT

Nanking, Dec. 13.—Encircled Nationalist Army Groups northwest and southwest of Suihsien are now relying largely on airdropped supplies of food and ammunition, informed sources said here tonight.

They require 500 tons of food, 400 tons of ammunition daily. The two encircled groups probably number between 200,000 and 250,000, and their plight becomes daily more ominous. If there were ever a moment when inspired and resolute leadership was needed by the Nationalists in the field it is now, but the sign which will promote any such confidence has yet to be made, and the fear is that it will come too late.

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With General Huang Wei's gradually compressing area, 400 trucks are being used to form a landing ground for light aircraft but it is understood that no planes are able to land yet.—Reuter—AP.

Meat Situation Is "Very Gloomy"

London, Dec. 13.—British's meat situation is "very gloomy," Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, told Parliament today.

"The situation in 1949 is uncertain because of the position with the Argentine and I am afraid I cannot hold out much hope that it will be much better than in 1947," she added.

The amount of meat available for 1948 had been considerably less than for 1947. Moreover, substantial imports had had to be made into stocks of canned, corned beef this year, she said.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Is It Too Late?

THERE is every appearance that the whole of North China (which now means the key cities of Peiping, Tientsin and the seaport of Tientsin) is about to come under the domination of the Communists. One authority for this is Spencer Moore, a man of the foreign press corps in China and one of the best, balanced and most informed correspondents in the interior. Moore says that the general conviction in Peiping is that General Fu Tso-yi is preparing to come to a compromise with the Reds, and the fact that the Nationalist military leader had abandoned the Tongshan coal mining area without firing a shot (despite earlier military preparations seemingly intended for its defence) lends authentic colour to this belief. Possibly Tongshan was, militarily speaking, indefensible, but that it should be surrendered in such a manner raises immediate doubts as to whether the Nationalists in Hopei intend to engage in any further serious fighting.

The mines were left intact, which is contrary to the declared scorched earth policy allegedly laid down by the defending Nationalist forces. Furthermore Moore's report from Peiping credits General Fu with giving instructions that nothing should be destroyed in the Tongshan area, although the mines were holding 1,000,000 tons of stockpile coal. These developments, taken in association with the growing debacle in the Yangtze, the failure of Generalissimo Chiang to give General Fu the support, supplies and reinforcements which he asked for, lend substantial

backing to the conviction that the Nationalist forces in North China are about to surrender. Thereafter the big question is what the Communists intend to do. Freed of military commitments in the North, and perfectly capable of quickly repairing rail communications which they themselves have destroyed, the Reds would be in a position to switch massive forces to Central and Eastern China for an attempt at a final coup d'etat in the Yangtze area. The Nationalist armies already committed to strategical disadvantages this may well strike them as the beginning of the end as fighting machine, and the prospect of a sudden collapse of the Nanking troops in the fighting on the Kiangsu-Anhwei front cannot be ignored. Nor their consequences. It would pave the way for a sweep southwards that would embrace Nanking and Shanghai and southwestward to the Wuhan cities. And once this happened the Communists could, thereafter, choose their own fighting ground. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's armies are not yet to be written off, but the signs that they may be irretrievably defeated in battle or sold out by defection are growing more ominous. If there were ever a moment when inspired and resolute leadership was needed by the Nationalists in the field it is now, but the sign which will promote any such confidence has yet to be made, and the fear is that it will come too late.

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Nationalists In Action



London Startled By Hoffman's Aid To China Statement

London, Dec. 13.—Mr Paul G. Hoffman's statement in Shanghai today that China would still get American aid if the country came under a Coalition, presumably including the Communists, is seen here as a most significant public statement of United States policy since the beginning of major Communist gains in China.

British and American observers agree that Mr Hoffman would scarcely have given such an assurance however conditional upon the exercise of essential freedoms under a Coalition Government unless the official American policy is prepared to acknowledge such condition.

It may consequently be deduced that both in Nanking and Washington where Madame Chiang Kai-shek is now on a special mission for the Chinese Government, representatives of the American State Department have advised China to admit

the principle of a new Administration by coming to terms with the Communists while there is time. Reports from Washington that America would not be prepared to increase the scale of her aid to China unless the Chinese Administration made "improper advances" to her in the lobby.

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Minister Makes

Love To Woman Member Of Diet

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Armed Protection For Government Banks In Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 14.—The doors of the Central Bank of China and the Bank of China—Government institutions where paper money is being converted into gold and silver—opened today under the protection of machine guns, armoured cars and riot squad police with bayoneted rifles.

During the past two weeks, thousands of Chinese, taking advantage of the government offer to turn in Gold Yuan for gold and silver, have been growing increasingly unruly. Massing up against the doors of the two banks, jamming streets, blocking the Bund, obstructing traffic and often breaking out in gangbusts, for places in line, the would-be buyers of gold bars and silver dollars this morning were

herded into perfect lines under the ungentle handling of the tough, helmeted riot squad police.

Armoured cars with machine guns trained squarely at the main entrances of the two banks—a short block apart—squatted behind the police, who swung revolvers and rifles at the recalcitrant queuers who tried to sneak out of the line to get ahead.

Black Mariae loaded with protesting Chinese sprints off to jail. As for half a mile in either direction along the Bund from the two banks, riot squad members were stationed. The garden bridge across Soochow Creek was guarded at both ends. Policemen told the United Press that all these measures were purely precautionary just in case organised mobsters of

the police breaking up their racket.—United Press.

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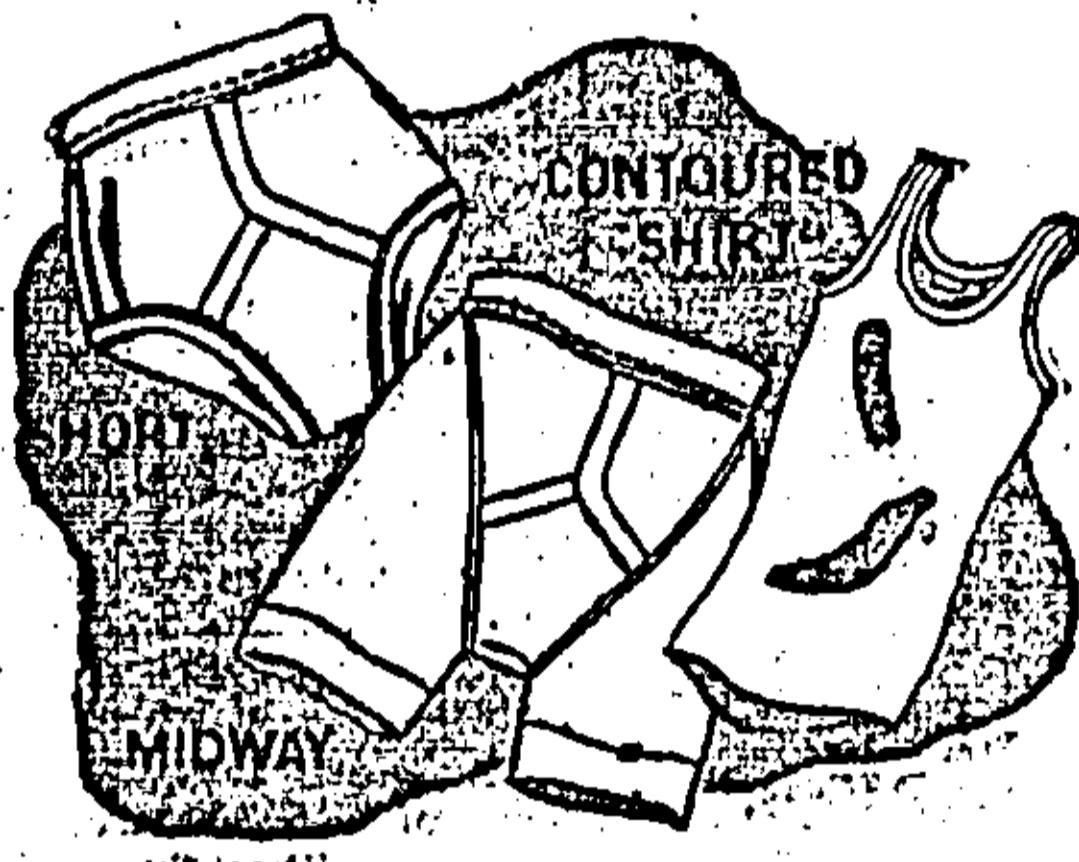
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CLARA POTTER, always one to combine fabrics with an eye to colour as well as to comfort, presents this plaid worsted weskit and pleated skirt, with its shirt of gray washable linen. The two are tied together anteriorly by a bowtie of the worsted beneath the shirt's classic collar, making a complete costume which will be a chic boon in changeable weather conditions. The outfit is good looking with or without the weskit, and without it one has a comfortable, thinish outfit, quickly converted into a cozy cover as the thermometer by the sun or furnace heat... drops.

HOW TO TREAT THE NEAR-SIGHTED CHILD

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THERE are a great many false notions about nearsightedness, especially the one that a child with this condition will gradually become blind. I am glad to be able to assure parents who have been frightened in this way that they have nothing of this kind to fear.

As a matter of fact Dr A. Lloyd Morgan is even more reassuring. He believes that the near-sighted child should not be thought of as having a terrible eye disease and that, above all, he should be allowed to live a normal life instead of being treated as an invalid.

FLY-AWAY DRESS



Black wool striped with pink makes this dress and bolero.

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Eleven-Year Old Editors Print Weekly Paper

Liberty, Mo.—A four-page weekly newspaper is making a regular appearance here but so far it is not causing owners of the 100-year-old Liberty Tribune much worry.

The new paper, the Press, is published by the Westside Publishing Company. Jim Colebird and Alice Crawford are the editor and assistant editor. They sell ads, cover news, print and deliver their papers.

They are 11 years old.

The Press boasts of 34 subscribers and 11 advertisers.

Paris Shoe Styles For Next Year

HERE'S the word on Paris shoe styles for next year.

It's high button shoes, for one thing. Of course, not all the shoes are buttoned, but the idea is the same. Pinched heels, pointed toes, and that falter look.

The shoes were displayed in a "shoe showing" which included amethyst and garnet-studded gold kid "chaussure d'intérieur," a bedroom slipper priced at a mere U.S. \$250.

Actually, few people walk around in these creations. They are made so that the designs can be sold to leading shoe manufacturers all over the world.

Styles Varied

Here's what's new for next year: For daytime wear: thick crepe-soled walking Oxford-type shoes with flat heels, made in gay, colourful shiny leathers. Red and Kelly green preferred for worn with gray tweeds, and even (first time seen in a fashion show anywhere) with dressy dark dresses.

For afternoon wear and cocktail times, the spat shoe (or high buttoned type) came into its own. Matching plaid spats over black patent leather, pointed-toe pumps, for example, were shown with a dressy black ensemble. Gray elastic sheaths built up over the regular shoe line and closely hugging the ankles also were shown with black and brown patent leather shoe-bases.

For dancing in the afternoon and evening, there were soft babypink, high-heeled booties. Baby blue and pink also were featured in fur lined "after ski" booties.

One Pair Different

Dodging from the Victorian look in shoe-wear was one pair with the strap-button business, a sandal with a rounded fasten made in black patent leather which was strictly 1920.

Straps of 11 kinds and the roman-sandal effect of lattice-work laces up the ankles were shown for both cocktail and evening wear, although there were no fastenings. Heels in the collection, by Paris' shoe designers, went as high as a little over three inches.

Silts, punctures, and planks, especially cut-out-in leaflike formations over the toes, were shown on almost all models. One model was so complicated it took the shoemaker a week to make. Those shoes were all handmade.

Colours, bright ones, were shown with dark ensembles, and other tones were mouse gray, bottle green, baby blue and pink, beige, dead leaf, chocolate brown (to wear with black), hounds tooth black and white check, and red plaid for the superstructure or garter.

Proper Glasses

A number of different causes for nearsightedness have been suggested, such as heredity, or weakness which has developed before birth; changes in the shape of various eye structures; a lack of action of muscles that move the eye; increase of pressure of fluids within the eye-ball, and lack of various vitamins and minerals. It has been claimed that bad reading habits contribute to nearsightedness.

In treating the near-sighted child, of course, he should be fitted with proper glasses. In the experience of some physicians, it does not seem to make any difference whether the glasses are worn all the time or not. It is suggested that the parents be informed that the child may wear the glasses when he wishes to see objects at a distance, but that he certainly should wear them when he is reading. No other special type of treatment seems to be necessary except the usual following of good health habits in regard to a well-balanced diet and getting plenty of rest and sleep, fresh air, and sunshine.

Normal Life

There appears to be no need to restrict reading or to stop any particular activity.

In more than 240 patients who were treated in this way by Dr Morgan and observed over a period of seven or eight years, three out of four showed only mild changes in their condition; fact is, there was very little tendency for the nearsightedness to become worse. It would appear, then, that a child who is nearsighted should be permitted to lead a normal life. He, of course, should be fitted with the proper glasses and given instructions about wearing them. Such a youngster should not be considered an invalid.

Sago Green

Another piece was one in a most interesting fabric in sage green with a distinct ridge formed by a loop pile weave. Gold thread appears in the flat spaces between the ridges, making for a novel effect.

One of the most attractive exhibits was a pair of little slipper chairs of a very new design. These were fully upholstered armchairs with the line and proportions of a modern easy chair, yet they were small and dainty. The chairs were covered in a hand-woven tweed in gray, green, and blue with gold thread overtones. Another piece was upholstered in a fabric in which narrow gold stripes alternated with stripes of coral chenille.

Made By The Blind

A woven pattern suggesting a plaid in deep pink, green and gold aroused interest as it was one of a collection hand woven by blind workers.

In keeping with the furniture there were some handsome fabrics used for other decorating purposes.

A fine white casement cloth delicately highlighted with gold thread, suggested all sorts of uses. A handsome rug composed of copper metal threads blending into a rich, coco brown fibre, would look at home anywhere. Just about the most attractive and original screen seen in a long time, is a floor screen made of half-round wood dowels alternating with reed-like sticks, and woven together with rich chenille yarns and silver thread.

Keep Neck Contours Youthful

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Courtesy RKO Radio Pictures
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By HELEN FOLLETT

Start the application just below the collar bone, using upward-curving strokes. Placing flattened fingers at the base of the throat, work out and up to the tops of the shoulders in half circles. Then, starting under the chin, do sweeping strokes to the ear lobes. Try not to stretch the skin. Slap and pat briskly. Finish with an ice friction.

Thin necks will absorb a good deal of cream, and that is all to the good. In the morning, lave with cold water to bring firmness to the tissues.

How you carry your head may be the making or the unmaking of this pillar that holds up your tote. Let the chin droop and there will be cross lines on your throat. Keep up your chin—you should anyway because you look better that way—and the delicate fibres running from the chin to the chest will keep strong and resilient.

And don't let your powdering stop just under your chin, include the neck and the carbuncles.

Let's Eat

—BY

IDA BAILEY ALLEN

A Nice Cold Weather Treat

WHEN cold weather comes, one of the most popular treats is waffles. Traditionally they were served for breakfast; but now they are popular as desserts, and their delicious, fill-up qualities can retrieve many a meal that otherwise might be classed on the skimpy side.

But I maintain that waffles should also be used more frequently instead of toast with creamed ham or dried beef, chicken à la king, or even with luncheon meat in a good spicy Spanish sauce; all good dishes for breakfast, luncheon or dinner.

Waffles

"That is also a very good idea," commented the Chef. "In Brazil they make the pancakes and roll them around a filling of minced turkey in gravy; and in Russia they make the famous Blinis, which are pancakes filled with caviar and served with sour cream. I am sure that if they had waffle irons they would enjoy very much the American waffles when they are made. But I find that often in the homes when waffles are served, they are hard and tough."

"That's probably because they don't use enough shortening," I explained. "A third of a cup of melted shortening is needed for 1 1/2 cups of flour. And it must have a fresh pleasant flavour. It can be butter, margarine or vegetable shortening. When the right amount is used the waffles are tender, and don't stick to the waffle iron. Really, waffles can be classed as both sweet and savoury. You can add interesting ingredients to the batter to make them fit almost any meal."

Cheese Waffles

"I think the cheese waffles are delicious, Madame; that is when you add a half cup of grated sharp cheese to the batter. Perfect to eat with butter and a green salad for luncheon."

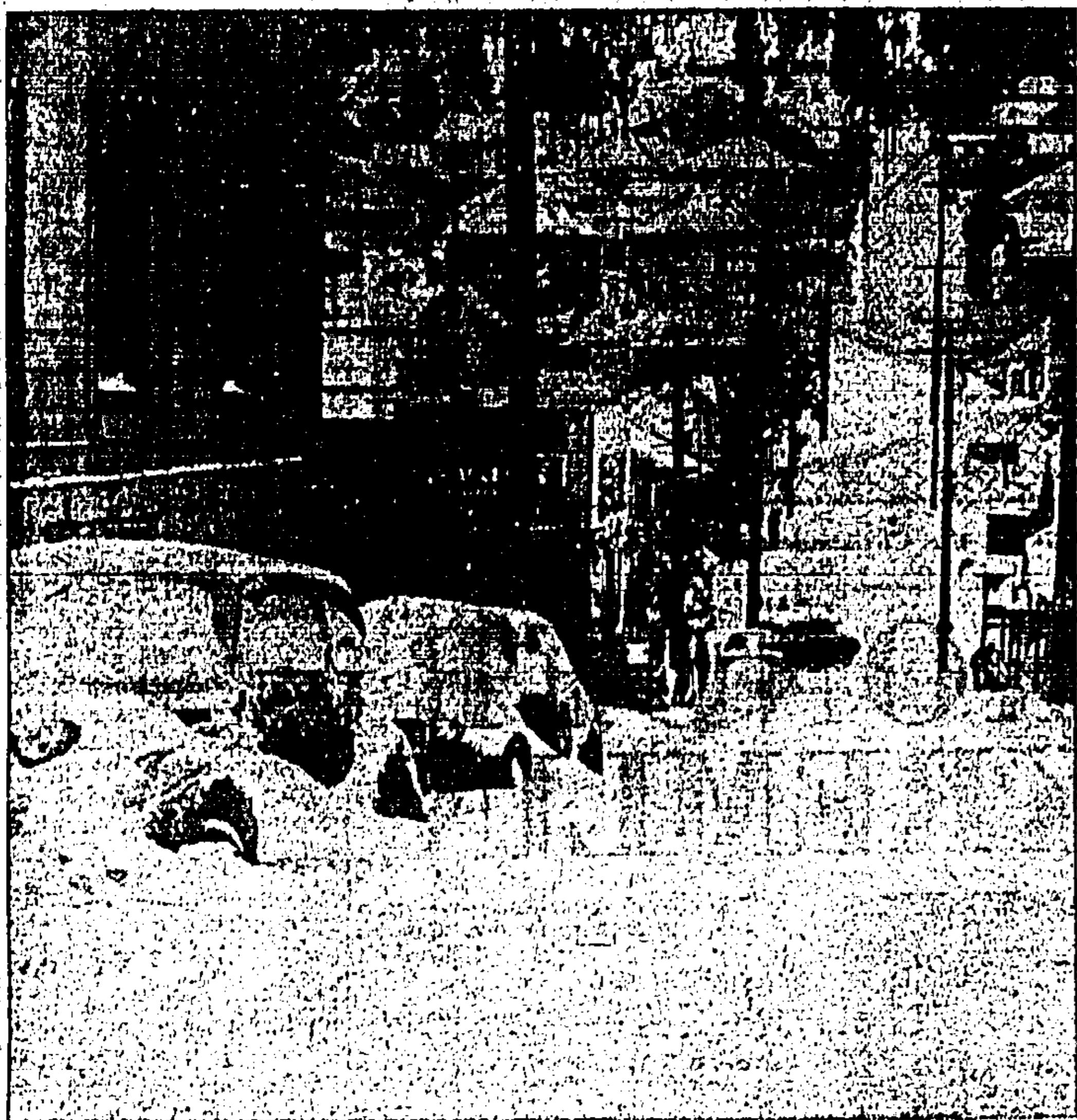
"And nut waffles are marvellous," I continued. "Frost them in the oven a bit; chop and add to the batter. These are good with butter and a fruit salad."

"For the main course of a lunch or dinner, Madame, you could have a waffle, shortcake. Very attractive when the lady cooks them at the table. Two plain waffles for each person, put together with chicken à la king, or chopped meat in gravy. It would also be good with creamed onions or and pour into the waffle iron."

Trick Of The Chef

To make waffles without spilling the batter in a large pitcher, mix the batter in a small pitcher and pour into the waffle iron.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



THE FIRST SIGNS—The first big snow in America piled up drifts four to five feet high in this South Dakota town. The white blanket is cruelly troublesome.



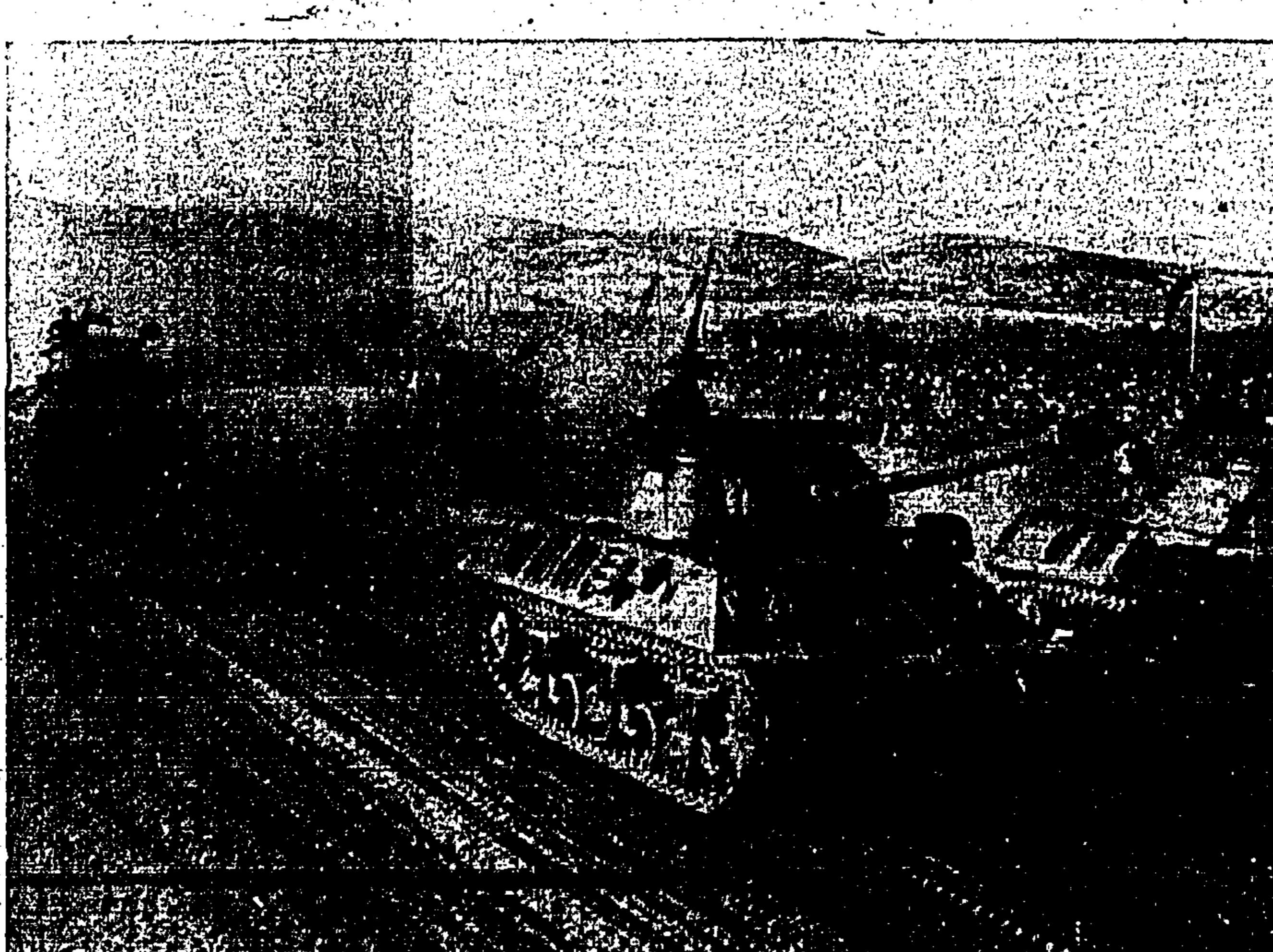
PLOUGHING PRESSMAN—Paul Stiebold relaxes on his tractor with the trophy won at the National Ploughing Contest in Dexter, Iowa. Co-publisher of a paper in Naperville, Illinois, he is believed to be the only American newspaperman who is also a champion plougher. He also won the title in 1946.



THANKSGIVING—Joy was bursting in their hearts when members of the Opilka family arrived in Memphis, Arkansas, from the misery of a displaced persons camp in Europe. But first in their minds was an offering to God for their deliverance. From the railway station they went directly to St. Michael's Church in West Memphis. Father Louis Janesko blesses them as they start a new life filled with hope for the future in a free America. They will settle on a farm in the state.



CARRY YOUR OWN—Actress Helen Hayes was glad to be greeted at the pier by her husband, Charles MacArthur, and son, Jamie, when the liner America landed during the New York seamen's strike. No pier hands were to be found.



AMERICAN-MADE MIGHT—In this first public showing of U.S. military equipment, supplied to Turkey under the military aid programme, tanks, trucks and artillery manned by Turkish crews roll through the outskirts of Ankara. The display marked the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Turkish Republic.



A HELPING HAND—This Israeli soldier lends a helping hand to a small Arab girl after Jewish forces drove Arab irregulars from Iqrit, a tiny Palestinian town in Galilee.

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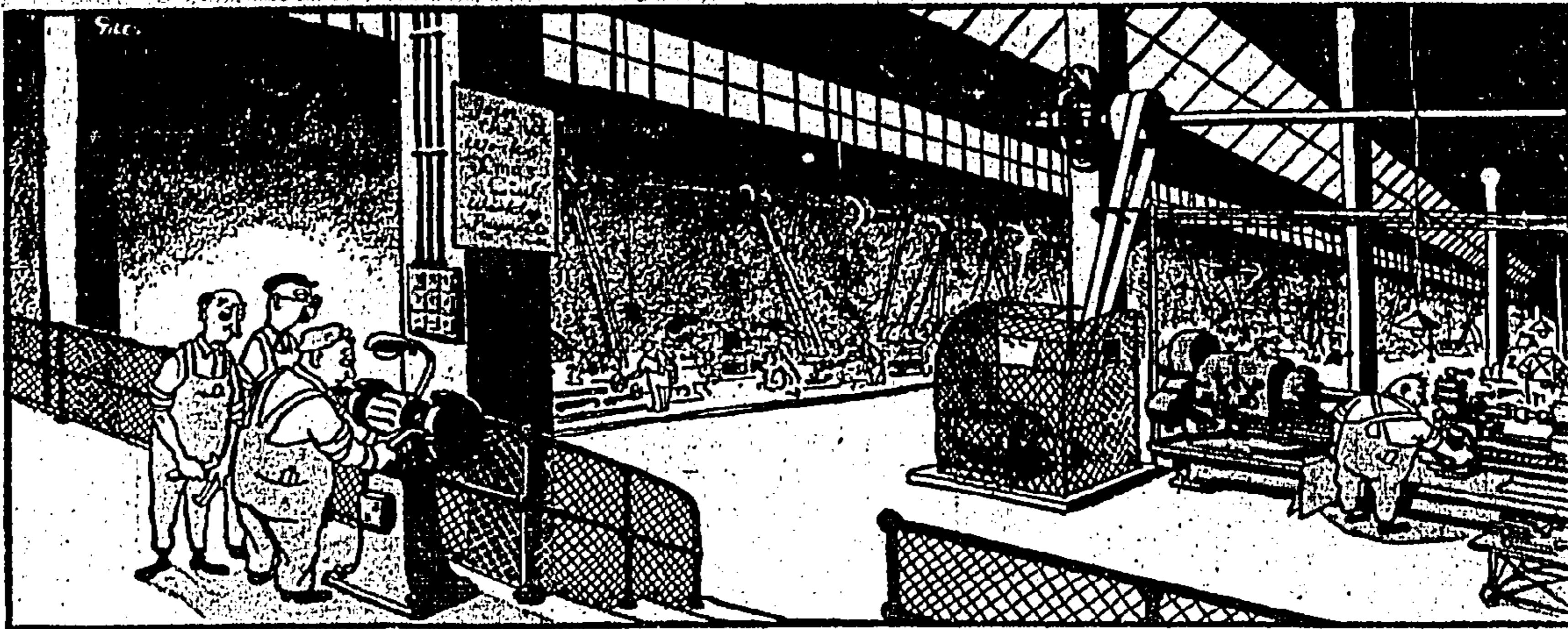
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HE WAS STRONGER
THAN THE KREMLIN

By GEORGE SCOTT

BEYOND the boundaries of Soviet Russia the red sun of Communism is setting. Outside of Russia its rays are growing steadily weaker, and, while it still sends forth long shadows of unrest, we have passed from the dangers of its noonday glare.

Communism has failed in Western Europe, and the glorious days of exultant prestige abroad are over for Russia.

Those were the days when admiring Allied audiences watched with amazement the stubborn resistance of the Russian armies at Stalingrad; when they goggled gratefully as the massive military machine rolled on to Berlin along the path cleared for it by the relentless bombing of German industrial cities by the RAF.

THREE MEN WHO
DIVIDED GERMANY

While these hymns of praise were being sung for Russian might, a committee of three men sat to determine the partition of Germany, dividing the spheres of authority. They sat for more than 18 months. The members of this committee were Uljanov, Gusev, and Strang, the same Strang who visited Russia for the British Government in 1939—and their recommendations gave to Russia large portions of German territory.

These concessions were made at the time when America was earnestly pressing Russia to take a share in the war against Japan.

America then had no great confidence in swift victory in the Far East.

Russia gave on undertaking and entered the Japanese war to the day, according to her promise. The date happened to be six days before the Japanese surrender.

The zenith of Russian popularity in the Western countries was reached at the Potsdam conference, from which the Western delegates departed in the joyful belief that they had established a basis for maintaining wartime unity with Russia.

They agreed to support the Soviet claim for the transfer to Russia of Königsberg and East Prussia, and acknowledged, for the time being, the accomplished fact of the Russian occupation of Eastern Germany.

TRIUMPH, THEN
THE DECLINE

This was the greatest triumph of Communism, but thereafter Russian authority began to decline.

The first public manifestation of a clash between the Western Powers and Russia came in Iran.

Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill had agreed on the necessity of maintaining the "independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Iran."

Russia and Great Britain had invaded Iran as a joint enterprise, agreeing that both armies would evacuate six months after the war.

Russia did not withdraw her troops. Mr. Byrnes put on pressure, and for the first time the Russians were compelled to evacuate in face of American insistence.

Very quickly the friction increased and conflicts became severe. Differences were pronounced and disputes acrimonious.

The climax came in Italy, where the first signs of the rout of Communism were to be witnessed.

Communism had all the advantages in Italy of postwar depression in a defeated country.

NANCY Women's Prerogative

HEY, FELLERS—LET'S
GO TO TH' BALL PARK
AND WATCH TH' GAME
THROUGH OUR PRIVATE
KNOTHOLES

It had all the credit for organising the underground resistance movement, and was expected to seize hold of the Government with popular approval.

It was there that the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Marshall, went into politics. As a result he won a campaign for his country in the ancient centre of civilisation.

A democratic form of government was set up and Marshall aid further encouraged the decay of Communism in Italy.

Meanwhile, the decline of Communism in France was being reflected in the constituencies and the polling centres, and also in the House of Deputies.

Although Auriol has made many unavailing efforts to set up a stable Government, Communist influence, far from being nourished by these failures, has continued in its decline.

Finland feels the weight of the Russian yoke more oppressively.

Notwithstanding that, the electors there boldly rejected Communist candidates and set up a Government which would be ready to throw off Russian influence and to defy Russian threats at the first opportunity.

Tito, boasting arrogantly, was strong enough and bold enough to part from the Cominform and set up something of his own, which he declares, will have all the advantages of Russian Communism and none of its defects.

Whatever his "something" in Yugoslavia might be, Tito does not accept Russian authority from Moscow.

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HELPE D THE
SOCIALISTS TO WIN

In Britain, the Communist Party certainly helped the Socialists to win 40 or 50 seats from the Tory Party at the General Election.

But their influence has steadily decreased since that moment, and today Socialist MPs unquestionably defeating Communist votes are defeating "Communist" Party influence, opposing it with the obvious knowledge that the power used on their behalf in the last election no longer exists.

It is a long-established practice of politicians to kick down the ladder by which they have climbed. This time the practice is justified.

In America, last month, the electorate gave their answer to the Communists.

As the brain and nervous system of Henry Wallace's Progressive Party, the Reds had hoped that he would poll enough votes for them to claim that the people of the United States wanted neither Republicans nor Democrats.

Wallace's poll of just over a million was one-fifth of what he had himself expected.

DEEP, RESTLESS
ANTAGONISM

Unhappily, the signs of newborn freedom in Poland have been crushed and broken, but assuredly only for a time.

There is a deep, restless antagonism towards the Communists there.

On one front only are the Communists gaining ground, and that is not in Western Europe.

It is, moreover, a military front where force of arms more than the ballot box is determining the issue—China.

Where should we look for the heart, the inspiration of all this resistance against Communism?

It is to be found, of course, in the unswerving policy of George Marshall.



"Millions of Americans gave their country outstanding service. General of the Army George C. Marshall gave it victory."

This is the same George Marshall who was the glittering bird of paradise of the American Press and the American people during the war.

He was the Chief of Staff, responsible for military preparations and knowledge of Japanese intentions, who was horse-riding on the Sunday morning when Pearl Harbour was bombed.

But at that time neither this remarkable coincidence nor the lack of preparations in the Pacific could injure him. His popularity remained unharmed by Pearl Harbour.

DIRECTED WORLD
WAR STRATEGY

This man, with the pouched mouth, the jowled cheeks, and the prominently boned face, stayed beside President Roosevelt at the White House throughout the war, advising, guiding and directing a worldwide strategy.

The U.S. secretary of war, Mr. Stimson said of him: "General Marshall's ability has no ceiling; it expands with his job."

A simple man, a modest man, a home-loving and family man, Marshall received the loud-voiced praise of his countrymen without seeking it.

He was bitterly disappointed when Roosevelt appointed Eisenhower to the Supreme Allied Command in Europe.

Roosevelt had made it clear that Marshall would be appointed to this active command, and Roosevelt was who denied him the honour; not Churchill, as contemporary rumour had it.

No adequate explanation of this failure to appoint Marshall has ever been given. It remains one of the mysteries of the war.

Marshall, with his clear vision, and firm control of the world situation, stayed at home in Washington.

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While the presidential limelight was shining on Eisenhower, Marshall was also the choice of many newspapers, supported by public opinion.

But Marshall announced, with a firmness and a decision that left no doubt of his resolution, that he would not allow himself to be nominated as a presidential candidate.

He went on quietly with his work, growing in strength, his ability ever-expanding with the progress of his battle against Communism.

And now, when he has reached the peak of greatness with his defeat of Communism in Western Europe, his term of office as Secretary of State is coming to an end.

Thus we have witnessed once more the extraordinary example of a public man in declining authority carrying out his tasks and duties with decision and in a triumphantly successful measure.

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LABOUR
POINT
OF VIEW

By Ernest Thurtle, MP

A FIRM note is to be detected in the T.U.C. statement just issued on the subject of Communist disruptive tactics inside trade unions.

It indicates that in their new campaign the General Council mean business. This is not surprising, for much is at stake.

The British trade-union movement is pledged up to the hilt to support Marshall and the campaign for European recovery.

Against this policy the Communists, in accordance with Cominform instructions, are working with the fury of fanaticism. Their success would bring down British economic recovery with a crash.

Therefore the T.U.C. and the unions generally really have reached the hour of showdown.

RANK and the file Labour is not happy about the necessity to increase the period of compulsory military service to 18 months.

The proposal is bound to give rise to passionate protests, and possibly even a minority revolt.

However, the great bulk of the party will see the measure through Parliament, though without enthusiasm.

They realise that this is no time to expose the Government to attack for failing to take proper defensive measures.

MR JOHN DUGDALE, Parliament's Secretary to the Admiralty, is a capable young man, and he himself is clearly not oblivious of the fact.

From this perhaps arises a certain hint of smugness, always an irritant to the House.

It was doubtless this which led Brendan Bracken, no paragon of parliamentary politeness, to invite the junior Minister "to take off his moustache" when the subject of prize-money was being discussed.

JOHN may indeed not believe that it is the mice who inherit the earth, but he is not a bad sort within.

He has done his job at the Admiralty, which he has held since 1945, with commendable efficiency.

A product of Wellington and Oxford, he did journalistic work for a time, and for many years before the war was private secretary to Mr. Attlee.

His reward came in 1941, when he entered Parliament unopposed for the safe Labour seat of West Bromwich.

Now, at 43, holding junior office, and enjoying the Prime Minister's benevolent interest, he may well feel that the world is his oyster.

WITHOUT malice, I draw attention to the fact that the present Parliament is not producing any outstanding women members.

Dr Summerskill continues to exhibit high-grade efficiency at the Ministry of Food, and may yet achieve full Ministerial status.

But she is a shining exception. On the back benches there are, of course, worthy and capable women members, but no Eleanor Rathbones or Lady Aspasia who are impressing their personalities on the House.

This is not a carping male complaint, for I realise that our ladies are still relatively few in number, but a fact to be registered with regret.

OUR relationship with Eire, as defined by the Prime Minister the other day, can only be defended on grounds of expediency.

Eire is outside the Commonwealth, and now has no link of any kind with Britain, yet her citizens living in British territories are not to be considered foreigners.

We may call this arrangement convenient or practical if we like. We cannot call it logical.

HEAD FIRST FOR BEAUTY!

COWIE APPEAL: NEW PHASE IN LEGAL ARGUMENT

The Cowie case entered upon a new phase of legal argument in the Full Court of Appeal this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, sitting with Mr Justice Wickes (Acting Additional Judge). The appellant is William Henry Cowie, ex-Sub-Inspector of the Hongkong Police Force, while the respondent is the Attorney-General, who is represented by Mr A. Lonsdale (Crown Counsel) instructed by Mr L. R. Andrewes (Crown Solicitor).

Appearing on behalf of Cowie, Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr Y. H. Chan (T's and Hodgeson), this morning made application that an order of Mr Justice Gould (then Acting Puisne Judge) made on September 2, 1948, that the appellant was estopped from saying that he was not guilty of misconduct as set out in the Statement of Claim, be set aside, and in lieu thereof it may be ordered that the appellant was not so estopped.

It will be recalled that there was a subsequent hearing on September 14 as a result of which Mr Justice Gould held in favour of Cowie and ruled that Cowie might at the trial of the action prove that there were breaches of natural justice at the proceedings before the Board of Inquiry.

Both the first and second judgments were on points of law which the Court was being asked to determine before the trial of the action.

Cowie had originally brought a claim for damages against the Hongkong Government for alleged breach of contract for wrongful dismissal. At the hearing, Mr Lonsdale, dealing with the right of the Governor to dismiss Cowie, said that the defence was in fact a plea of res judicata (an issue that has been settled in a court).

Counsel's table was crowded with legal authorities, copies of local Ordinances and regulations to which reference will be made in the case of the hearing.

SKELETON CASE

Opening for the appellant, Mr Bernacchi said the appeal was from a decision of Mr Justice Gould on a preliminary point of law. The solicitors for the respondent were desirous of attaching to the record of proceedings the judgment of Mr Justice Gould on the second point of law, and as far as the appellant was concerned, Counsel said he was not objecting at the present stage, but would reserve his right to make an objection if that judgment came to be used later.

The appeal concerned a lengthy and interesting point and it was a matter in which it was incumbent upon Counsel to go into considerable detail and was one in which their Lordships would indeed be hearing him all day. Before he commenced, he wished to present a skeleton of his case nearly all of whose limbs, he submitted, were to counter the estoppel.

The relevant facts were as set out in the statement of claim. The appellant was previously employed in the Hongkong Police Force, a certain summons was taken out against him, but was later withdrawn before a Magistrate, and the appellant appeared before a Departmental Board of Inquiry. On August 12, the appellant was held to have committed an offence by conduct calculated to bring the public service into disrepute by receiving the sum of \$50 from a certain Chinese. On August 21, the appellant received a letter from the Colonial Secretary which stated that the Governor had ordered the appellant's dismissal.

The sole matter which was relied upon as an estoppel was the finding of the Board of Inquiry, said Counsel, and his argument against the pleadings was contained in a total of eleven lines.

POINTS SUMMARISED

Summarising the points which he intended to deal with, Counsel said they were: (1) that there was no estoppel because the parties to the present action were not the same as

Madame Chiang In Washington



Madame Chiang Kai-shek (left), first lady of China, and Mrs George C. Marshall, wife of the Secretary of State, prepare to leave Washington National airport following Madame Chiang's arrival by plane. — AP Picture.

Belcher Denies Seeking Business Directorship

LEAVES WITNESS STAND AFTER 11½ HOURS OF QUESTIONING

London, Dec. 13.—Mr John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, today told the Tribunal probing alleged corruption in Government circles that Sidney Stanley, a Stateless alien who is a key figure in the inquiry, had never spoken to him about a proposal to import amusement machinery from the United States.

Mr Henry Self, a London amusement caterer, had suggested the import of prototypes to enable Britain to manufacture this machinery, but he had given him no encouragement, Mr Belcher said.

Mr Belcher said Mr Self had had nothing about £10,000 being paid to Board of Trade officials as a bribe so that a licence could be granted.

He agreed that he was spending his £2,000 a year salary to debt, although he was not in debt.

Asked about evidence by an earlier witness that he had once said he was looking for a business directorship, Mr Belcher described the suggestion as "completely foul" and "revolting."

He said he had no recollection of remarking to a businessman that one day he might be looking for a job. He said Stanley took him to see Isaac Wolfson, chief of the Great Universal Stores.

Mr Belcher was sure the meeting had not been arranged to offer him a directorship, but he admitted that he had no doubt that he would have considered the matter very carefully if Mr Wolfson had offered him a directorship after he had ceased to be a Member of Parliament.

Asked if he had ever told business to get directly in touch with him instead of going through the normal channels at the Board of Trade, Mr Belcher answered: "It is quite fantastic. Only a madman would talk like that with somebody he had never met before."

Mr Belcher said Sidney Stanley had never at any time made any suggestion to him about assisting in matters that seemed improper. He agreed that one idea Stanley had discussed with him was a permanent exhibition of British goods in the United States.

It was an idea which had been pursued to some extent.

U.S. LOAN DISCUSSED

Stanley and he had also touched on the question of an American loan and, said Mr Belcher, he remembered meeting a Walter Kirschner from the United States about this, and about the Falessini situation.

He had gathered that both Stanley and Kirschner were distressed by the actions of the terrorists in Palestine, and Kirschner was on his way to Paris to discuss what could be done to prevent it.

Mr Belcher declared that since becoming Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, he had set out to popularise his Department with the business community.

He had rejected some bordering applications to the Board of Trade precisely because they had been submitted by personal friends.

Mr Belcher was again questioned about the dropping of a prosecution for infringement of the paper regulations against Shermans football pools.

He said there had been considerable political pressure on him from two sides—from Members of Parliament trying to help Shermans and from other Members who disliked football pool competitions.

Mr Belcher described as "preposterous" allegations of bribery against Sir Frank Soekie, the Solicitor General, Mr. Glenville Hall, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and Sir Frank Evans.

He left the witness stand after a total of almost 11 and a half hours.

Counsel for Mr. Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the Labour Party, asked if his client would be allowed to give evidence to refute allegations made by Stanley that he

N. ATLANTIC PACT TALKS

More Countries To Be Invited

Washington, Dec. 13.—Denmark, Norway, Iceland, and Portugal will be invited to join the seven-power North Atlantic Pact talks now in progress here, it was learned authoritatively today.

Eire and Italy have been discussed informally as potential members of the proposed Alliance. Officials said American, Great Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Canada will reach "agreement of view" and then invite the commanders of certain other powers to join the talks.

The American State Department is believed to favour sounding out the other powers soon on whether they would like to join in the talks. American officials are known to back the inclusion of Denmark, Norway, Iceland, and Portugal because of their strategic importance. Denmark possesses Greenland, which has weather forecasting stations and bases vital to North Atlantic air traffic.

Portugal possesses the Azores—a mid-Atlantic air base of primary importance. Eleven Government spokesmen have stated that Eire would not co-operate in any regional security system unless the partition of Ireland was ended.

Norway and Denmark control the northern European waters, which could be used for attacks against transports bringing troops and supplies from North America to Western Europe.—Reuter.

Quick Arrests

In PI Hold-up

Manila, Dec. 14.—City detectives quickly solved yesterday's US\$75,000 Surplus Property Commission payroll hold-up in the heart of Manila with the arrest of Manila Police Sergeant Geronimo Pacheco, 58, less than two hours after the daring theft.

Also arrested were the Sergeant's 26-year-old college professor son, Mariano, who was suspected by the police to be the master mind, and Jose Fernandez, 34, assistant disarming officer of the Surplus Property Commission who, with two other SPC employees, was netting the money in a car after getting it from the Philippine National Bank.

The police have recovered US\$27,000 of the stolen money from different houses in the city. Investigation established that the car was stopped by a man in police uniform while on its way back to the SPC office. An unidentified gunman then entered and ordered that the car be driven to an isolated spot in the ruined walled city. One of the SPC employees in the car identified the uniformed man as Sergeant Pacheco.

The satchel which had contained the money was found partly burned in Pacheco's yard.—United Press.

3-Day Fight With Gang

Rangoon, Dec. 13.—Burmese military police killed 33 insurgents in a three-day battle with a gang who attacked the Tavoy police headquarters in the Tenasserim Division of Southern Burma, a communiqué said today.

Government forces killed seven other rebels and wounded 20 when they attacked rebel headquarters in the Akyab district of Western Burma.

The Premier, Thakin Nu, said today that certain foreign governments are meddling in the affairs of Burma, which constitutes a "direct threat to the country's one-year old independence.

Speaking to reporters, Thakin Nu said there was no evidence to prove that foreign governments have a hand in the present internal disturbances. He added to see "our friendly relations with foreign governments are not affected by the machinations of two irresponsible individuals."—Reuter.

I trust you will lend your powerful support to this long overdue safeguard.

Letters To The Editor

Safety Curb For Praya

Sir.—Year after year one or more motor cars fall off from Connaught Road into the harbour, frequently with resultant loss of life.

Why should this toll of precious lives be permitted to continue when a simple safeguard can easily be provided?

An inexpensive curb nine inches high running along the whole length of the sea will would suffice to prevent nearly every such accident.

This proposed safeguard would not interfere with the loading and unloading of boats or junks, as the average daily tide is six feet; nine inches more or less would hardly be noticed.

I trust you will lend your powerful support to this long overdue safeguard.

F. JOSEPH ALEXANDER.

OUTWARD MAIIS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Closing Times By Air

Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai, Peiping and Hohkow.

Manila, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Canada.

9 p.m. Air Parcel Posts for Manila, Honolulu and Kowloon (CPO) 4.30 p.m.

Ordinary Airmail (Printed Matter, Samplers and Small Parcels) U.S.A. Manila, Cebu, Mindanao and U.S.A. (Kowloon) CPO 4.30 p.m. (GPO) 5 p.m.

12.30 a.m. Closing Times By Sea

Fornells via Recife, U.S.A. Canada, Central and South America, via San Francisco and Vancouver for Canada) 3 p.m.

Manila 3 p.m.

Shanghai 3 p.m.

Wednesday, DECEMBER 15

Closing Times By Air

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Closing Times By Sea

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Wednesday, DECEMBER 16

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HOME SPORTFRONT

England's Next Test Captain — Cyril Washbrook?

London, Dec. 13.—"Cyril Washbrook, England and Lancashire opening batsman, is not going to turn amateur" cabled Crawford White last week from the Press Camp with the MCC touring team in South Africa to his paper the "News Chronicle." This innocent information caused more consternation than its face value indicates.

For some time past Cyril Washbrook has been mentioned as a possible Captain of England for 1950. Indeed Crawford White goes on to say "From a reliable source in London I learn that he (Washbrook) has also had a strong approach from a leading light at Lords who pointedly referred to England's dilemma for a captain in Australia in 1950."

Tradition dies hard in Marylebone, headquarters of English cricket. No professional has ever been picked in advance by the powers-that-be to captain a Test team. (I believe there have been brief moments when professionals have stood in as captains in emergencies in the field).

But it has been thought that even the most formal and traditional Washbrook might turn amateur, and of English selectors will allow an

By PETER DITTON



IAAF RATIFIES

New World Records

The International Amateur Athletic Federation has announced the acceptance of 10 performances as world records. The new figures passed are:

400 Metres Run in 49.0 seconds by Herb McKinley, Jamaica, at Milwaukee, USA, on July 2, 1948. Previous record: 49.0 seconds by Grover Klemmer, United States, and Rudolf Harbig, Germany.

2,000 Metres Run in 5 minutes 7 seconds by Gaston Reiff, Belgium, at Brussels on September 20, 1948. Previous record: 5 mins. 11.8 secs.

altogether Washbrook benefited to the extent of £14,000. This exceeded £3,000 the previous record—the good fortune of Bill Bowes of Yorkshire.

With this untaxed cash in his pocket, Washbrook presumably has resources to become an amateur. And if selected as captain of England he would probably be offered a job outside cricket to look after his future career.

But Crawford White's terse cable sends the selectors back to their problem—who can they find for the 1950 tour? Or can they, dare they, break with tradition and defy W.G.'s beard wagging in his grave by choosing a professional for the job? It is unlikely if Washbrook remains a pro his chances are remote.

Modi and Hazare took the over-night score of 95 for two wickets to 189 before being separated, while Hazare scored 18 fours in six hours 11 minutes at the wicket.

An unbeaten 58 by India's captain, L. Amarnath, who was missed in the slips before scoring, put an end to West Indies' hopes of a win, and after tea the only interest remained in whether India would be able to wipe off the deficit.

The West Indies attack badly missed. John Goddard, their captain, who was unable to field today owing to a slight attack of bronchitis, and runs came freely at times, in spite of numerous bowling changes.—Reuter.

An unfinished third wicket partnership of 151 by R. S. Modi and V. Hazare at lunch time gave India a chance of forcing a draw. Modi, who scored 107 not out, attacked the other end going with a stolid innings of 38 not out.

At the luncheon interval, India, who followed on yesterday with 350 runs behind, were 184 for two wickets.

Modi's chanceless innings lasted 218 minutes and included 12 fours. This was his first century in any Test for India and it was executed in a masterly style unscrambled by India's precarious position.

Amarnath joined Hazare and was missed in the slips before scoring. While in the nineties, Hazare gave a hard chance to Christian, fielding in the gully. It was a two-handed breast-high catch which flew off the edge of the bat, straight to Christian, who failed to hold it. Hazare reached his century in 264 minutes.

The 300 went up soon after tea and the only interest lay in whether the Indians would be able to wipe off the deficit of 356 runs. The batsmen made little attempt to go for runs and the game ended tamely in a draw.—Reuter.

Modi & Hazare Give India A Draw

THE SELECTORS ARE OUT

In The Hunt For Walker Cup Talent

London, Dec. 13.—While the professional Golfers Association who are responsible for the selection and preparation of the British Ryder Cup team have, as yet, made no move in connection with next September's match, apart from selecting Canton in Yorkshire as the venue, the Royal and Ancient Golf Club have taken steps towards a challenge for the Walker Cup, the trophy for which amateur teams of Great Britain and the United States compete, in August.

For this match, the British team visit America and the Selection Committee, which has been in existence for some time, has coopted Sam MacKinlay, a farseeing Scot who knows the requirements of an international player of Walker Cup calibre, to assist them.

Early next month, the Committee will formulate plans as to how they will set about choosing the British team. There is little or no golf in this dreary winter day on which form

can be based, but the eagerness of the selectors has been shown by the way one of them has gone around the country, watching minor events, studying the form of possible trial players.

The President's Butter Tournament at Rye, Sussex, in January annually attracts some of the best amateur golfers in Great Britain, and this coming event will be no exception.

CASUALLY, HE BEAT THE EMPIRE MARK

Arap Kiblege, a Nandi tribesman who normally spends his time hunting and guarding his cattle, attended the Rift Valley Provincial Sports meeting at Nakuru, Kenya.

Kiblege was extremely interested in the spear throwing competition and asked if he might compete. Permission was granted.

Kiblege stepped forward, almost casually raised his arm and threw his spear 238 feet exactly.

This throw is 58 ft. 9 inches better than has ever been done before and better than the British Empire javelin record.

The important point about Kiblege's record throw is that his spear weighs between four and five pounds or more than twice the weight of the competition javelin used in Britain's Amateur Athletic Association matches, says a spokesman of the Colonial Office in London.

The world record with the regulation weight javelin is 253 feet 2 1/2 inches, held by Yrjo Nikkanen of Finland. The British Empire record is 222 feet 9 inches, held by S. A. Lay of New Zealand.

DAVIS CUP

Australia May Stay Out

Melbourne, Dec. 13.—It is still doubtful whether Australia, runners-up last year, will contest the 1949 Davis Cup.

The uncertainty on this point, expressed earlier by some officials, was confirmed at a meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia today.

The President, Sir Norman Brooks, told the meeting: "A tour would show a loss, which would cripple the Association, unless the Challenge Round were reached."

"It is doubtful whether the Australian Government would grant a dollar permit unless the Association could guarantee reaching the Challenge round, as \$10,000 would be needed."

He recommended that a decision be deferred until next month.

THOMAS CUP

U.S. Trounce Canada

Pasadena, Dec. 13.—The United States badminton team overwhelmed Canada eight matches to one yesterday, winning the right to travel to London in February for the world's badminton tournament.

At London, the Americans will play the European and Pacific zones for possession of the Thomas Cup.

Dave Freeman clinched the title for the Americans. In the first match when he trounced John Samis of Vancouver 15-1, 15-5.

The Canadian's only win came in doubles match when Richard Birch of Toronto and Gordon Simpson of Montreal beat Freeman and Wynn Rogers, 15-9 15-8.—Associated Press.

Indians Win

Ontario, Dec. 13.—India's badminton team defeated Western Ontario in their exhibition match last night.

Davender Mohan beat Tom Barber, 15-9 and 14-4.

Results of other matches were: V. Macavani and George Lewis beat Bob Menzies and Jack Kochler, 17-15, 15-10 and 15-15.

D. G. Maguire and B. Vallal beat Collie Brewster and Bernard Brewster, 17-15, 15-2 and 15-2.

D. Schott and G. Hemmady beat Bill Butler and Jack Pequignant, 15-6, 10-15 and 15-10.—Reuter.

TABLE TENNIS

Another Setback For Visitors

The Singapore touring table tennis team, led by Loo Kurn-soon, took their second beating when they succumbed to the Colony's league champions, the Cl Luen squad, by 2-3 in a colourful and thrilling encounter at the Chinese "Y" last night.

Scores were: Loo Kurn-soon (Singapore) beat Yu Kung-yun, 21-19, 24-22, Chua Kim-hong lost to Lau Kam-sun 21-14, 20-22, 25-21, Loo Yung-hon lost Com. M. F. R. Byng (N.R.) 3-2, II. Franklin beat Capt. T. J. Monaghan, 11-7, 11-5, Wilson beat W. H. L. Wilson (N.R.) 11-7, 11-5, 11-7.

The semi-final is being played at night on the Victoria Courts, followed by the final on the same day at 11.30 a.m. The final will be played at the Victoria Courts on Saturday, December 18, at 8 p.m.

Squash Rackets

The results of the quarter finals of the Colony Open Squash Rackets Championships played last week were: H. L. Wilson (N.R.) beat G. E. Dally, 5-0, W. H. Wilson beat Com. M. F. R. Byng (N.R.), 3-2, II. Franklin beat Capt. T. J. Monaghan, 11-7, 11-5, Wilson beat W. H. L. Wilson (N.R.) 11-7, 11-5, 11-7.

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TEST MATCH

Modi & Hazare Give India A Draw

Bombay, Dec. 13.—Centuries by R. S. Modi (112) and V. Hazare (134 not out) here today enabled India to draw the second Test against West Indies.

After making 278 in their first innings—following on 356 runs behind the West Indies first innings total of 629 for 6 declared—India recovered from an early setback in their second innings and were 383 for three wickets when play ended.

Modi and Hazare took the over-night score of 95 for two wickets to 189 before being separated, while Hazare scored 18 fours in six hours 11 minutes at the wicket.

An unbeaten 58 by India's captain, L. Amarnath, who was missed in the slips before scoring, put an end to West Indies' hopes of a win, and after tea the only interest remained in whether India would be able to wipe off the deficit.

The West Indies attack badly missed. John Goddard, their captain, who was unable to field today owing to a slight attack of bronchitis, and runs came freely at times, in spite of numerous bowling changes.—Reuter.

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CYRIL WASHBROOK

South African Team Selected

Johannesburg, Dec. 13.—South Africa's team to meet England in the first Test, which begins at Durban on Thursday, contains no surprises. The side is as follows:

D. Nourse (Natal) captain, E. Rowan (Transvaal), O. Wynne (Western Province), B. Mitchell (Transvaal), W. Wade (Natal), D. Bobbie (Transvaal), O. Dawson (Natal), A. Rowan (Transvaal), L. Tuckett (Orange Free State), N. Mann (Western Province) and C. McCarthy (Natal).

The only surprise is the announcement of the decision the selectors to retain the team in bloc for the second Test at Johannesburg.

Men well versed in South African cricket history could recall a precedent for such an action.

The view of the selectors is that they are more likely to get the best out of the players if they know their places are secure for two Tests. Only three of the team are new to Test matches.

They are Owen Wynne, who has scored two centuries against the M.C.C., Douglass Beagle, who got a century for Transvaal to-day and McCarthy, the six feet two inches young fast bowler, who took six wickets in Natal's match against the tourists.—Reuter.

MCC TOUR

Record Innings By Transvaal

Johannesburg, Dec. 13.—Transvaal kept the MCC bowlers toiling all day here today when they gained a first innings lead of 47 in the match which ended in a draw—the third drawn game of the tour.

Stumps were pulled after Cliff Gladwin had finished off the innings with successive balls, with the Transvaal total of 560 in reply to the MCC first innings of 513 for seven.

It was the highest Innings hit against the touring team.

Dennis Beagle and Tony Harris took the edge off the bowling by carrying their unfinished fifth wicket stand to 171. Beagle batted just under six hours for his 154, which included 18 fours.

Later in the day, Alan Melville, after reaching his 50 indulged in some fierce hitting and appeared set for his century when he fell lbw, eight short of his objective.—Reuter.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD

NSW In Lead

Perth, Dec. 13.—All out for 241 in their innings in reply to New South Wales 507, Western Australia followed on in their Sheffield Shield match here and had lost two second innings wickets for 90 at the close.

Overnight Western Australia were 84 for two. To-day, Ray Lindwall, the Test fast bowler, took four wickets for 88 in Western Australia's first innings. A. Walker claimed two for 42, and F. Johnston two for 67. Carmody hit 36 not out for Western Australia when they followed on, 266 runs behind.—Reuter.

Queensland Follow On

Melbourne, Dec. 13.—William Johnston, Australia's left arm bowler, took three wickets in four balls for Victoria against Queensland to-day in their Sheffield Shield match.

Queensland, all out, for 285 in reply to Victoria's 430, followed on with 181 runs behind and were 85 for one at the close of play.

The match ends to-morrow. Two young players, K. Archer (10) and K. McKay (17), added 77 and checked an earlier Queensland lead. Johnston finished with 10-65, Ian Johnson took three for 75 and D. Ring two for 70.—Reuter.

World Cup Tournay

London, Dec. 13.—The English Football Association voted on Monday to elect representatives for the International Tournaments (8) to fix a date for the Interport match with Macao.

Hockey Meeting

A meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Association will take place in the South China Morning Post board room at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15. Secretaries of all hockey clubs are requested to attend.

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